

It's that time of year again when we begin to prepare for our local MSP elections. Below are two ways you can become more active in your union. Please consider each of them and then let us know if you'd like to be nominated or nominate someone else (mvp@umass.edu).

Nominations will close at the end of our spring GENERAL ASSEMBLY luncheon on:

Monday, April 25th

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Amherst Room of the Campus Center, 10th floor

[\(RSVP TO RESERVE YOUR LUNCH\)](#).

1. Be a Delegate to MTA's Annual Meeting, May 20-21, 2022

Come and participate in a 1,000-person democratic discussion and decision-making process of important issues that affect educators in Massachusetts. MSP is allotted approximately 30 delegates and our attendance as higher education members is especially important in a forum that has traditionally been focused on K-12.

We encourage delegates to attend both Friday and Saturday. It is especially important to be there Saturday when important business and position votes are taken. The decision has not yet been made about whether the conference will be held virtually or in Boston. If it is not virtual then MSP will pay for the cost of hotel and reimburse for mileage (we encourage carpooling).

Note: Our own Max Page is running for election as President of the MTA this year so sending a full delegation from MSP is especially important if we hope to elect Max.

2. Serve as an MSP Officer or Board Member

Another interesting and important experience is available locally. Because terms of service rotate, there are slots available for MSP officers and board members (who serve three-year terms). These positions provide an opportunity to hold a leadership role in shaping priorities and strengthening the union.

A list of candidates will be presented at MSP's General Assembly on April 25th; further nominations will be solicited at that meeting and then elected by acclamation. The Board is the decision-making body of the union. Meetings are held every two weeks, generally for an hour and a quarter. Officers meet separately during alternate weeks. Please respond to this message if you are interested in nominating someone (including yourself).

Positions to be filled this year include 2 Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and 7 Executive Board seats. We are especially looking for representation from Engineering, ISOM and Nursing.